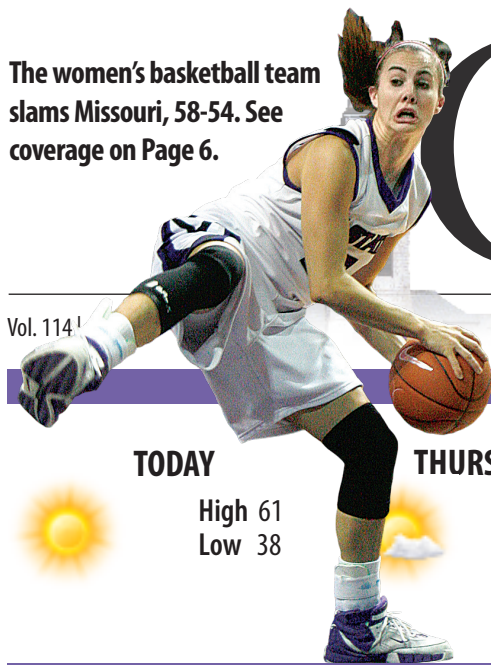


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Falling into place



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Top: During their nightly bedtime routine, **Amanda Ratzlaff** combs daughter **Abigail's** hair. While Amanda was brushing through her daughter's locks, Abigail watched a "My Little Pony" movie. **Bottom:** The two eat delivery pizza at a friend's home. During the evening, Amanda was watching an episode of "Tool Academy" and hanging out with her friends, while Abigail played with her toy animals.

Woman strives to be child's 'hero' while working, studying

By Shane Bishop
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN



On the surface, Amanda Ratzlaff is like any other student. She juggles a hectic work and school schedule, a love for dancing and still manages to squeeze in time for socializing. In other words, her life is very busy.

But a few years ago, life was profoundly different for her. Ratzlaff had just turned 18 and was riding on a community college scholarship. Her responsibilities were on the back burner, and there was plenty of time to plan for the future.

"I was definitely the type that loved to party a lot, living the normal college freshman life," said Ratzlaff, senior in apparel and textiles. "I received a dance scholarship and was just starting my second semester of college."

In fact, Ratzlaff has been dancing since early grade school. Eventually she even became a belly-dancing instructor at K-State, teaching the philosophy behind Middle Eastern dance.

But then the news came. Ratzlaff found out she was pregnant. She gave birth to a baby girl, Abigail, in October 2005. Though she was shocked with the news at first, she said after laying eyes on her daughter for the first time, she was floored with emotion. There in her arms, looking up at her, was her newfound motivation.

Eventually, in June 2006, Ratzlaff got married, and her new life began.

"I had no real plan for the future, and when Abby came around it gave me an entirely new set of goals and ideals," said Ratzlaff. "Things changed, I got married and began being a mom."

Ratzlaff still made every effort to be a good example for her daughter from that day forward.

"I would look at everything I did and think, 'Would Abby be proud to say that I was her mom?'" she said. "Even though I know she won't appreciate it for quite a few years, I try to be the best role model for her that I can. I want to be her hero — as cheesy as it sounds."

Over time, a routine was starting to fall into place, but then things changed again for Ratzlaff. She and her husband separated and divorced in July 2007.

"It was challenging to make the adjustments," Ratzlaff said. "I had to raise Abby all by myself, going from two incomes to just my income. I've been very lucky in that my closest friends have been totally understanding of everything I have to do, from whining about ex troubles to the nights when I'm about to be crushed by my workload and they swoop in and save me."

Braden Thomas, sophomore in open option and Ratzlaff's friend, said Ratzlaff always keeps forging ahead.

"Amanda is great," Thomas said. "She works really hard and is a great mother and very driven to provide for her [daughter]."

Nate Edwards, senior in mechanical engineering and another of Ratzlaff's friends, said Ratzlaff inspires him.

"She has a lot to juggle," Edwards said. "But somehow she always makes it work. Making time for raising her child, teaching a dance course, working, going to school and everything else she has to do is pretty amazing if you ask me."

Fortunately, Ratzlaff said her life is made a little easier by the vast number of child-care opportunities near campus.

"The best thing about raising a child in a college town is that you have endless numbers of free babysitters at your fingertips," Ratzlaff said. "All of your friends are close by, as well as education majors that have to do a certain number of hours with kids. I've had a couple volunteer to watch my daughter to fulfill this requirement. Trying to work and go to school while being a single mom is a huge challenge, and these options help immensely."

Ratzlaff said working as a waitress at Famous Dave's is difficult while trying to make ends meet. Though rent has increased here, there are programs that pay part of her rent each month, helping her as a single mom.

"I am thankful that I can afford a great, safe place to live," Ratzlaff said. "Manhattan is a great community of people, and a great place to raise my child while finishing up my degree. Things are definitely looking up for us."



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IT SICKENS ME THAT THE MOST IDIOTIC, WORTHLESS PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY ARE THE ONES HAVING THE MOST KIDS.

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Recreational Services is offering a Group Fitness Instructor Training Course for individuals interested in instructing group fitness sessions at Peters Recreation Complex. This 8-week course begins today. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional co-ed business fraternity, will have its first meeting at 6 p.m. today in Kedzie 004.

Practice interviews will be from 1 to 4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Holtz Hall. They are sponsored by Career & Employment Services.

The Campaign for Nonviolence

will be fundraising for Heifer Project International from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the K-State Student Union near the Food Court.

Applications for Student Alumni Board are now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at www.k-state.com/sab. There will be an information reception at 4:30 p.m. today at the Alumni Center for anyone interested in finding out more about the group. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Alumni Center.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Christopher Laingen at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Seaton 132. The thesis topic is "Complex Feedbacks Among Human and Natural Systems and Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota, USA."

Women on Weights, a free workshop offered by Peters Recreation Complex, will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday. Participants can learn introductory lifting techniques for

women. The workshop will be limited to 30 people, and interested women can sign up in the office at the Rec Complex.

The Campaign for Nonviolence will sponsor a lecture, "Connecting the Dots at K-State: Sustainability, Food Systems and Nonviolence," featuring Rhonda Janke at 7 p.m. Monday in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre.

The Beach Museum of Art will be host to a concert by the Tallgrass Trio, with music inspired by an exhibition of Birger Sandzen's work, at 7 p.m. Feb. 12. The concert is \$10 per person and desserts are provided. Reservations are required by Tuesday and can be made by calling 785-532-7718.

The Disney College Program will give presentations on internships at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in K-State Student Union 213.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session Noontime Nutrition class for K-State students and faculty

members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all 8 sessions. Sign up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services, Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

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TO THE POINT

Voice renter views

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

A group of local officials, property managers and representatives from K-State and Fort Riley have been debating a proposal that could have implications on every local renter's housing and wallet. It seems, however, that students and residents alike have no interest.

The Rental Inspection Committee has been discussing an ordinance to the city commission that would require rental properties to be inspected on a regular basis. The meetings are open to the public, yet there has been no audience.

A rental inspection ordinance will have serious consequences for renters. If an ordinance is enacted, the city will inspect rental properties for various conditions and violations. The inspections could help prevent renters from living in sub-par conditions, and could curtail the existence of "slum-lords."

Cost would be the major drawback. In Lawrence, and Lincoln, Neb., property owners are charged \$25 and \$60, respectively, for inspections, under a similar ordinance.

The committee has not set a price on the inspections yet, but the members agreed that the cost would be passed down to the tenants.

No matter which side renters take on the issue, they will be affected. They should make sure they are heard at the forum at 7 p.m. March 4.

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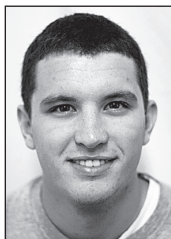
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All talk



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Limbaugh should not be Republicans' voice



TIM HADACHEK

It's no secret that Republicans are in all-out, full-blown crisis mode right now. We got clobbered in the last election. An extremely popular Democrat is the U.S. president. And in a CNN poll taken last fall, voters blame us over Democrats by a nearly 2-1 margin for the economic crisis. There is almost no reason to believe the party will right itself in time for the 2010 elections.

There is another problem that must be addressed before any of the other issues facing the GOP can be resolved: leadership – or more specifically, the fact that we have none. Who is the face of the Republican Party?

The last time Republicans faced such a calamity was in 1992, when Democrats controlled the presidency and both chambers of Congress. But in the subsequent two years, Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia used his Contract with America to orchestrate the Republican Revolution of 1994. But there is no Gingrich now. Oh,

there are people in the leadership positions of the party, but those spots might as well be empty.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky told the Republican National Committee that the party's biggest problem has been its "sales job," not its policies. House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, appears to wait until Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., takes a side on an issue and then simply votes the opposite way. Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, at least for now, has been marginalized in a way that prevents her from being a true voice.

Republican leadership in Washington, D.C., is a virtual vacuum, and the thing about vacuums is they are easily filled. All you have to do is suck enough and something will fill the void.

And so the de facto leader of the Republican Party has become ... Rush Limbaugh. With a listening audience of more than 20 million, the radio talk show host is by far the most prominent opposing voice against the new Democratic majority. Rush has been on the air since the 1970s, but he has never been more powerful than he is right now.

An impressive display of this came when Rep. Phil Gingrey, R-Ga., told *Politico.com*, "It's easy if you're ... Rush Limbaugh ... to stand back and throw bricks." Gingrey promptly called into Limbaugh's show to apologize for his comment.

Democrats certainly recognize Limbaugh's influence. President Obama told

Congressional Republicans "You can't just listen to Rush Limbaugh and get things done." Liberal group *Moveon.org* is currently running ads in several states attacking Limbaugh.

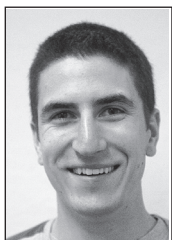
But listen, Republicans: Rush can't be our leader. I enjoy Limbaugh, and I think he serves an important role in our political discourse. But we must remember that, above all else, he is an entertainer. He has to be, or he wouldn't have the audience. To be sure, he offers solutions, but not real ones. Limbaugh's policy proposals – like his plan to split the stimulus package between government spending and tax cuts based on presidential-vote percentages – are pie-in-the sky. Sure, they feel like they make sense – Stephen Colbert would call this "truthiness" – but they don't hold up to academic scrutiny.

Limbaugh has always been an advocate of hard-line conservatism. The reality, however, is that Republicans are the minority; we need a voice who is willing to work with Democrats if our party is to survive this current crisis.

So who should be the face – or voice – of the Republican Party? I don't know the answer to that, but I do know it shouldn't be Rush Limbaugh. By nature, an entertainer can't be the leader we need – unless his name is Ronald Reagan.

Tim Hadachek is a junior in political science. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

Increased birth control availability will take burden off govt.



DREW MORRIS

Recently Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, defended the choice to include family planning services in the economic stimulus package. When interviewed, she said, "The contraception will reduce costs to the states and to the federal government."

Some believe what she is really saying is that we need to stop poor people from breeding to save money. People are de-

claring her a socialist. These are the people who like to live with idealistic dreams, not the realities of the world we live in today.

Right now the U.S. and world economies are on the decline. This means fewer jobs for parents, making it more difficult to raise a child, especially if the family is dependent on multiple incomes. Increasing the portion of our population that can't be properly nourished both physically and mentally should be avoided.

People need to realize that what is more inhumane than the prevention of life is the creation of children who cannot be taken care of properly. If people can't take care of dependents because of economic hardships, then they should be supplied with the tools to prevent unwanted pregnancies. We cannot stop people from having sex, so to reduce repro-

ductive rates among people who can't support families, we must advocate family planning.

To some people, this issue comes back to the abortion debate, giving the choice of life to the government. Educating people about birth control methods and supplying them to lower-income families, however, does not mean they are forced to use them.

Use of contraception and family planning will prevent more abortions, something anti-abortion supporters should cheer.

Whether this promotion of contraception education will help the economy remains to be seen. What it will do is lower welfare costs in the next few years by reducing the amount of children receiving benefits from the government. It will also decrease medical expenses, alleviat-

ing pressure on the medical system.

It might not create more jobs, but it will allow people to concentrate on their own finances during these difficult times and afford them the opportunity to start a family in the future.

It might seem unethical and mean to tell people not to have babies if they can't afford it, but the fact of the matter is the government cannot bear the extra financial burden. I'm not advocating direct population control, but because of the state of our economy and increased strains on our government, we need to make smarter decisions, especially when it comes to having children in dicey financial times.

Drew Morris is a senior in English. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

THE FOURUM
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The Campus Fourum is the Collegian's anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the editorial staff.

I've got an idea: Get rid of "You Suck," and bring back the Blotter. That's real humor.

You know it's cold out when your earmuffs snap instead of bend like they're supposed to.

The Derby is like the womb. It's, like warm and sunny and delicious.

Dear Kansas weather, we would all appreciate it if you would remember to take your bipolar pills. Thanks.

If the funnest night of your life is when "Finding Nemo" was released on DVD, then you might be a GDI.

Get ready: 2012, Sarah Palin-Joe the Plumber.

To the girl who let me get on the street after the basketball game: If you're cute, call me. Or do me.

To the girl who left me the really rude message on my car at the Rec and hit my mirror: Yes, I did have a nice workout. Thanks for asking.

Thanks for the jerk in Nichols for firing me and not telling me why.

Slamming, Zach. Slamming. Does running over a black cat count as crossing its path?

21-year-old female virgin needed for sacrificial rights.

To the girl who waved at me from the Honda CRV from Sedgwick County: Let's date.

If you had your legs amputated, you wouldn't be able to drive.

My Fourum quote for the day: Varney's — crushing souls and emptying wallets, one customer at a time.

Does anyone remember which amendment allowed K-State's recruiting team to bring someone to K-State with little basketball talent? Was it No. 15, maybe?

It's OK. I'm a limo driver.

Empower yourself, empower the world.

How small is it? If it was an iPod, it would be a shuffle.

I'm going commando.

Where is everyone's paperwork?

If you had your legs amputated, would you even need your license?



Check out our Web site for the rest of today's Fourum.

Committee discusses possible rental ordinance

By Mark Wampler
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Rental Inspections Advisory Committee met Wednesday to reconvene talks for a possible mandatory rental inspection ordinance.

The committee is still discussing the specifics of the ordinance that will be presented to the city commission. Its purposes are to recommend the frequency and procedures of inspections, annual fee payment and the start-up procedure of the ordinance.

In its fourth meeting since forming in December, the committee discussed budget and zoning issues, focusing on the general intent and purposes of the ordinance.

First-year operation has been estimated at about \$175,000. The sum, which will likely increase, includes the hiring of two full-time inspectors and a part-time clerical employee to help with paperwork, said Brad Claussen, a building official for the city.

The committee came to a general consensus that inspections should take place every three or four years rather than five, which was initially proposed. The inspections themselves would work on a rotation.

The committee also agreed that inspection fees would be due annually, so payments would be in more manageable sums. The annual fee would be anywhere from \$15 to \$40 per individual unit of a residence, Claussen said. For private landlords, the cost would probably be paid by the tenant. Brice Ebert, an employee of Alliance Management and representative of Manhattan landlords, said tenants would be seeing an \$8-10 rent raise.

The committee focused on the legal reach of the measure, debating if zoning issues would be included, Clausen said.

Identifying zoning violations is compli-

cated by a process called grandfathering, said Karen Davis, Manhattan's director of community development. When a city updates its zoning laws, older homes are not forced to update to new codes but are "grandfathered" in, which means homes may be in legal non-compliance.

Large amounts of paperwork dating back decades would be needed to see if a home was ever in compliance with the zoning laws at the time it was built, she said. Because of the zoning, Davis told the committee that another full-time employee would be needed, adding to the proposals budget.

"Manhattan has had zoning laws since the 1920s," she said. "We're concerned about the level of work and research that the city would have to do in order to identify these zoning issues," she said.

Davis added that the committee was originally formed to address life and well-being rules and said she was unsure if the zoning issues would slow down the committee's original intentions.

Though the committee did not come to a consensus on the zoning issue, some committee members showed signs that they were eager for a change in the status quo.

Tim Lindemuth, a representative for Coalition of Manhattan Neighborhoods, speculated that Manhattan's projected population growth would exacerbate the problem.

"If this issue doesn't get passed, what [is] going to happen in 5 to 10 years?" he said. "I think the problem is going to be many times worse, and we're all going to have to come around the table again."

The committee has tentatively scheduled a public forum at 7 p.m. March 4 at the Manhattan Fire Station or City Hall, depending on availability. The next meeting will be on Feb. 18.

Review of Lafene includes calls for updated technology

By Bethaney Wallace
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In November, Lafene Health Center went under review by the American College Health Association. The company sent in two representatives to evaluate Lafene as a healthcare center and on its availability to students.

According to the ACHA Web site, "The ACHA-National College Health Assessment is a nationally recognized research survey that can assist [in] collecting precise data about [students'] health habits, behaviors and perceptions."

The company was brought in as a joint effort between Lafene and Student Senate. ACHA sent in two consultants who spent two days reviewing the facility, evaluated the information and sent out its final report in January.

"The findings were about what we expected," said Lannie Zweimiller, director of Lafene. "[It's] nice to hear it from an outside source."

The report explained what areas Lafene is successful in as well as offers suggestions for furthering its outreach and services.

"We've been working on being more efficient for several months because we knew it was coming," Zweimiller said.

Before ACHA came to Manhattan, a campus survey was conducted to give the consultants an idea of what students were or were not getting out of Lafene.

The Student Health Advisory Committee gathered a wide variety of students to participate in the survey. Lydia Peele, student body president and senior in secondary education, said the survey is more accurate since by selecting smaller numbers, there is a better turn out.

"We always welcome any questions or responses from students," Peele said. Maddie Ross, SHAC chair, said the review was a positive experience.

"It's important students know [Lafene is] doing things to improve," she said.

According to the report, recommendations include being more aware of students' health care and overall needs, specifically with foreign exchange students.

Because of the recommendations, the SHAC is currently working on developing a package specifically catered to international students.

The package includes having a workshop each semester to educate and orient international students with U.S. health practices, explain and provide information about health insurance and communicate to students how Lafene fits into that information.

Another main point stated in the report was to have Lafene increase its funding and update technology. Some suggestions, such as hiring certified medical assistants or a licensed practical nurse instead of a registered nurse, and using an automated answering machine to enhance customer services are already being implemented at Lafene.

Zweimiller said Lafene's current forms of income are the student health privilege fee and revenue from labs, X-rays and other medical procedures. The ACHA offered suggestions to help increase funds to "allow staff and faculty to access the LHC Pharmacy," and "establish an office visit charge or co-pay for physician and advanced practice clinician appointments." According to the campus survey, more than

60 percent of students were against this.

"[We] don't want to charge for co-pay," Zweimiller said. "It's not something K-State wants to do."

The ACHA also suggested Lafene update its technology. Zweimiller and Peele described the X-ray machines currently in use as hand-me-downs and said though new machines are expensive, they are necessary and will pay off in the long run.

Another expense coming to the center in the near future will be transferring all records to a digital format, which will be required by insurance companies.

"It's better PR because it's faster and more efficient," Zweimiller said.

Student Governing Association's privilege fee committee will meet later this month to discuss budgeting for Lafene.

The health center is also making an effort to increase knowledge and improve perceptions.

"The gossip trail gets worse and worse, and it creates a big problem," Peele said. "People talk about the bad experiences and not the good."

Lafene has been posting biographies on employees in the K-State Collegian and are publishing a "Lowdown on Lafene" pamphlet, which can also be found on its Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, to deal with common questions or misconceptions.

SHAC will also work to promote Lafene's services. It will set up booths at activity fairs, show videos on Lafene and answer any questions.

"Our main purpose is to promote services of Lafene," Ross said.

Students can view the final report on the Collegian Web site at www.kstatecollegian.com.

SGA set to vote on privilege fees

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Thursday night the Student Governing Association agenda is full of allocation considerations and new legislative policies.

At the top of the agenda is a bill to decrease University Band privilege fee budget and a bill to increase Student Publications Inc. privilege fee budget.

Senators in favor of the increase at SGA's last meeting argued that if the budget was not increased, it would not keep pace with inflation and the rising prices of ink and paper.

Those opposed to the bill said an increase to the budget of one program would send the wrong message, when most budgets are being cut back.

The two bills will be debated and then voted on.

Also during the meeting, a committee to oversee long-term tuition strategies is scheduled to be approved. This committee will study different funding initiatives and then report back to SGA and university administrators.

Proposed allocations include Newman Club, Student Sustainability Coalition, International Tuba and Euphonium Association, K-State Collegiate 4-H Club, and Tau Beta Sigma.

SGA will meet at 7 p.m. in the Big 12 Room in the K-State Student Union.



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Signing Day produces 30 recruits

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For some, national letter of intent signing day for football can be better than a child opening presents on Christmas morning.

The 2009 recruiting class for coach Bill Snyder will likely not have many K-State fans feeling quite so joyful, but after less than three months on the job, Snyder has assembled what is listed as a 30-man recruiting class that *Rivals.com* ranks as the worst in the Big 12 Conference.

A year after seeing former coach Ron Prince sign 19 players from the junior college ranks, the Wildcats have gone in quite the opposite direction, signing 23 high school players and only five junior college players.

The list also includes Virginia transfer Jeffrey Fitzgerald, who was a unanimous freshman All-American in 2006 as a defensive end, while South Carolina transfer Ryan Doerr will compete for a starting job as the K-State punter. Both sat out last season because of NCAA rules.

"These are young guys that I've been impressed in regards to the intrinsic things that we always talk about," Snyder said. "That's important to me. I think it's a group that's not afraid of hard work. I think it's a group that understands that we have tremendous expectations of what they do, how they perform and how they present themselves here."

Snyder said the late start had an effect on their recruiting efforts.

"I think it's a little reminiscent, not completely, of 1989 – the first class that we had," Snyder said. "Not necessarily in terms of the makeup of the class but maybe how we arrived at the class, the time frame that was involved with it and just the concept of the beginning."

"We didn't have a year's period of time or a year-and-a-half period of time in order to get to know these young people so there's always going to be some uncertainties," he said.

Two of the weakest positions this past season were running back and safety. Wide receiver Lamar Brown had to make the switch to running back, and quarterback Tysyn Hartman transitioned to safety due to depth and performance concerns at those positions.

The Wildcats signed seven defensive backs, with six of them being ranked as three-star recruits by *Rivals.com*.

The Wildcats also addressed an area of concern at the running back position with the signings of Waco, Texas, star running back John Hubert and Midwest City, Okla., athlete Timothy Flanders.

Hubert, at 5 feet, 9 inches and 190 pounds, was named the 2008 Super Centex Offensive Player of the Year and first team all-state from the Associated Press and Texas Sports Writers Association after eclipsing LaDainian Tomlinson's single-season rushing record of 2,524 by more than 300 yards. Hubert also ran for 41 touchdowns this past season.

Flanders comes to K-State after rushing for more than 5,000 yards and 65 touchdowns during his career. He was ranked the No. 9 player in the state of Oklahoma and the 31st best athlete in the country by *Rivals.com*.

The one glaring hole that might not have been filled after the Josh Freeman's departure to the NFL draft is the quarterback position.

Snyder said he expects Daniel Thomas, a former four-star junior college athlete out of Mississippi might fill the void left by Freeman.

Thomas originally committed to Prince last year but did not qualify.

Snyder said Thomas was mostly recruited as a running back but that he believes he can throw as well.

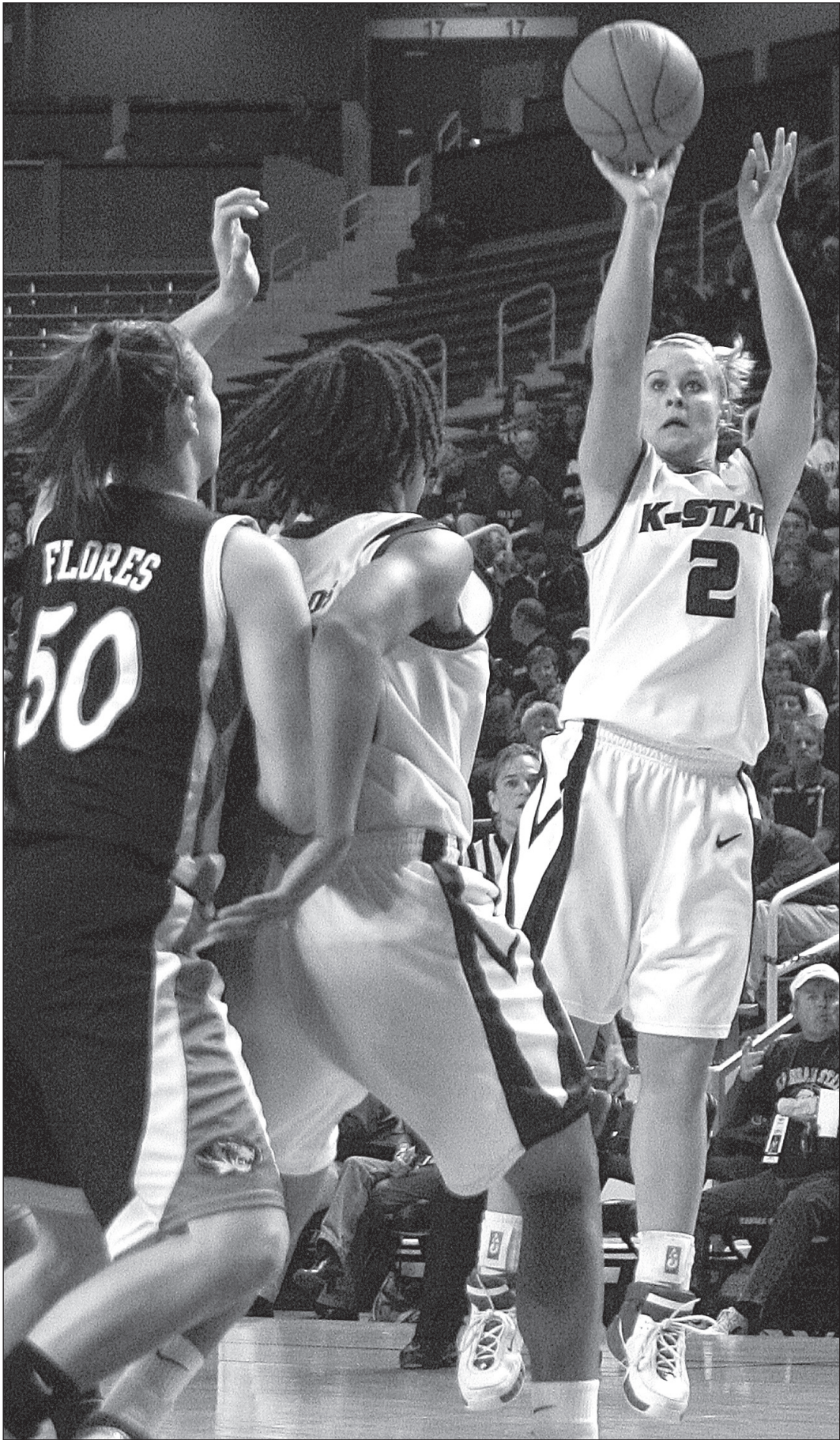
"The fact that I would want him as a quarterback should tell you that I believe he's very capable of throwing the football," Snyder said. "He's got some of the running and competitive spirit like Michael [Bishop]."

K-State fans will have to patiently await word on the nation's No. 1 recruit in Bryce Brown, who has announced that he might not sign until sometime in March.



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Too close



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Kelsey Nelson shoots from the perimeter during Wednesday night's game against the Missouri Tigers. The Cats won 58-54.

Wildcats squeak by Tigers at home

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Bramlage Coliseum fell completely silent Wednesday evening as halftime arrived.

After the Wildcats pounced on the Missouri Tigers early in the first half and seemed to take control of the game, their lead and momentum suddenly vanished.

The Tigers used a 19-4 run to swiftly work their way back into the game and steal both the Wildcats' momentum and lead.

With a silent Bramlage crowd, the Wildcats walked into the locker room at halftime trailing 27-24.

During the Tiger run to close out the first half, the Wildcats managed only four points in the final 7:39 of the first half. The Wildcats finished the first half shooting 34 percent on 28 shot attempts, after making six of their first 12 shot attempts to open the game and take a 15-2 lead over Missouri.

"I felt like we were getting good looks, just not finishing," head coach Deb Patterson said. "I wasn't disappointed with the looks we were getting. So it wasn't as big of a concern if it might have been if we had been playing real poorly there."

However, the Wildcats would stay in the fight behind junior forward Ashley Sweat, who had a game-high 25 points and resisted the Tigers continued pressure, sealing a 58-54 victory.

The victory didn't come without a tight battle for the Wildcats (19-2, 6-2 Big 12 Conference). The Tigers (10-11, 1-7 Big 12) maintained a steady offensive attack in the second half and kept two and three possessions ahead of the Wildcats.

It wasn't until Sweat hit a 3-pointer from straight away with 6:25 remaining in the game that the Wildcats would regain the lead they lost in the first half.

"I think it's all about Shalee [Lehning] penetrating and getting to the rim, which opens up the outside, and then it's up to us shooters to knock them down," Sweat said. "I think that's what I like to do. It's really good to be able to step up and hit that shot."

Sweat anchored the Wildcats in the final stretch as she sank two free throws after getting fouled, to give the Wildcats a three-point lead with 16 seconds remaining in the game.

"Ashley Sweat I thought was just tremendous in asserting herself both on the boards and at the free-throw line and literally mak-



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

After grabbing a rebound, Shalee Lehning attempts to regain her footing before playing offense. Lehning added five points and six rebounds to the Cats victory over the Tigers.

ing some big play shots in critical game situations," Patterson said. "I think that is what separated us a little bit down the stretch."

Following the victory, the Wildcats will travel to Waco, Texas, on Saturday to take on the No. 8 Baylor Bears. The Wildcats are 2-2 in conference road games this season.

"It's a really neat thing [that] on any given night in this league anything can happen," Patterson said. "We're not going to give an inch to anybody. And nobody is going to give us an inch. We're going down there with the mindset of being as competitive as possible and bringing our best game as of today, and we will see what that means when it's all said and done."



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Snyder did what he could



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I'm not an apologist for what is likely coach Bill Snyder's worst ranked recruiting class during his time at K-State.

I'm not one of those guys who say stars don't matter, because the bottom line is that teams like USC, Florida, LSU and so on have more of the five-star and four-star recruits in the nation than anyone else. It's no coincidence that they are competing for the national championship annually.

Recruiting is the lifeblood of college athletics – from football to men's basketball to even rugby.

So yes, it can be disconcerting to a K-State fan to witness KU pull in one of its best recruiting classes ever while K-State is battling with the Arkansas States of the world about who has the better recruiting class.

But Snyder did what he could in what little time he had. He has only been on the job for a little more than two months.

During that time, he had to get into recruits' living rooms across the nation. He had to battle just to get his foot in the door of some homes of the nation's finest.

But why would one of the best and most respected coaches in the history of college football have to work so hard just to get in on some kids? You'd think players would be dying to play for a legend, right?

While that might be right, it can't be stressed enough how much damage former coach Ron Prince did to the image of K-State football both nationally and at the local level.

No, he didn't destroy football at K-State, but he came close. Numerous high school coaches within the state of Kansas are particularly peeved at the way he handled scholarship offers. One coach told me he simply didn't feel like he could trust him.

Prince marched into living rooms of recruits, offered them a scholarship and would pull it away in a heartbeat if he felt like he could do better. He over-offered kids and then cut them loose when he ran out of room for them.

It was almost like Prince strapped dynamite around Snyder Family Stadium and was set to blow up what the 69-year-old coach had built.

Snyder had to step in to defuse the ticking time bomb.

Thanks to the 19 junior college players brought in from last year's class, the Wildcats now have a senior-loaded roster.

Snyder knew he had to rebalance the recruiting effort. So what did he do? He went out and grabbed 23 high school kids.

No, most of them aren't the most heralded players in the country. They might not have the most prestigious scholarship offers from other BCS programs, but there are certain intangibles that Snyder sees in them.

Like I said, I'm not an apologist for this year's recruiting class, but some needs were addressed and some were not. It's hard to win kids over in 70 or so days on the job.

But Snyder did what he could in what little time he had. And as he always likes to say, you don't know how good a recruiting class will be until two or three years down the road.

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Students participate in cancer research

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two K-State students are taking part in ground-breaking cancer research. Working alongside a mentor, Jackie Johnson, sophomore in chemistry, and Kristina Bigelow, freshman in chemistry, biology and pre-medicine, work and research long hours to try and make important health discoveries.

JACKIE JOHNSON

Johnson, along with her mentor Christer Aakeroy, professor of chemistry, is paving the way to improve anticancer drugs' efficiencies by looking at their compounds. These efficiencies include shelf life, solubility and stability. By altering the physical properties of active pharmaceuticals ingredients, Johnson and Aakeroy hope to make the drugs more effective.

Aakeroy said he and Johnson are interested in understanding how molecules recognize each other and why molecules are attracted to some but not others. He said they look into the communication of the molecules.

Johnson said she examines certain molecules to see if they will attach and affect the cancer drug. She said with her research, she and Aakeroy hope to predict certain reactions with drugs and molecules that could increase shelf life.

She and Aakeroy are also working with co-crystals, which are two different molecules attached to each other in the form of a crystalline solid.

"The unique thing about co-crystals is that the molecules are only attached through a very weak bond that is easily broken," Johnson said.

Because the bond is weak, it can be reversible, which means the bond can be broken to give the original two starting molecules.

"This idea of a co-crystal is why we are examining these molecules," Johnson said. "The bond is weak enough that it doesn't change the active properties like how a molecule smells or fights cancer, but it does have the ability to change physical properties like the shelf life and solubility."

Johnson said she became interested in working on this project her freshman year when she took Honors Chemistry I with Aakeroy as her teacher.

She said Aakeroy had mentioned his previous cancer research in class and she asked him more about it. After reading several articles he had given her, she



Kristina Bigelow, freshman in chemistry, is participating in research of cell-to-cell communication under the mentorship of Thu Annelise Nguyen, assistant professor of toxicology.

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said his work captured her interest.

"What we are doing does not just apply to cancer," Johnson said. "The applications are endless. I love working for him, and the cause is great."

Johnson said her goal for the future is to continue to do as many research projects as possible.

"I am not sure what type of research I will continue doing, but I know I will continue to research," Johnson said. "I am trying to learn and do as many things as possible to see where my interests are."

KRISTINA BIGELOW

Bigelow first started researching cancer because she said she knew many people in her community afflicted by the disease. She also said she really enjoyed her biology courses in high school.

"I thought it would be neat to study this and someday something would happen," she said.

Bigelow is researching cell-to-cell communication with her mentor Thu Annelise Nguyen, assistant professor of toxicology.

Nguyen, the main investigator of the project, said she started the cell-to-cell research five years ago. She said there is strong evidence the environment, hormones and genetics are important risk factors for the development of cancer.

The two are testing anticancer drugs which regulate cell-to-cell communication. Their goal, Bigelow said, is to test the anti-cancer drugs in various types of cancer.

"The loss of cell-to-cell communication has been described in cancer cells and led to a hypothesis that defects in cell-to-cell communication is involved in cancer formation," Nguyen said. "Our goal is to understand how we can regulate this cell-to-cell communication in cancer cells and design new drugs to target the defect."

Nguyen said Bigelow has mastered many technical skills in a short period of time, especially since she had no prior training in biology and chemistry.

Bigelow said at times she did not know what she was doing but said Nguyen was a good mentor who helped her understand all aspects of the research.

Studying cell-to-cell communication, Bigelow said her goal is to understand how gap and tight junctions work in colon cancer cells.

Tight junctions are like strings that hold cells firmly together. Gap junctions are like doors between two cells, she said.

Cells are constantly sending out and receiving signals from other cells, but cells with cancer do not communicate as much. This lack of communication contributes to uncontrollable growth in

cells and can eventually lead to the formation of a tumor.

"My research is to try and see if a drug could be made that would reestablish these junctions, hopefully design more effective drugs," Bigelow said.

She got involved with the work through the Developing Scholars Program, which she said was complicated because of all the new information she had to learn.

"My role in this project is to examine the effects of substituted quinolines on cell-to-cell communication in colon cancer cells," Bigelow said. "Since colon cancer cells have a loss of gap-junction activity, I will test whether these compounds can increase gap-junction activity and decrease cell viability of colon cancer cells."

Bigelow said her research with tight-junction communication will measure the electrical resistance of colon cancer cells to see if the cells move apart or closer together while in the presence of drugs because cells cannot communicate if they are not close together.

"I would be working on this research and hope this will lead to some kind of medicine," Bigelow said. "I also want to see more into what the cells are doing because if you can figure out what the cells are doing, you can manipulate them. I want to be one of the people to help find that."

Image@Work launches at CES

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Career and Employment Services will launch an online resource called the Image@Work Club on Wednesday.

Image@Work Club is a commercial Web site geared specifically to help students with business etiquette and their personal image.

Kerri Day Keller, director of CES, said, "I think a resource like this is helpful because it helps students to see some cost-effective ways that they can build a wardrobe with some of the examples that students can make smart choices."

Marlys Arnold, site creator and independent image consultant based out of Kansas City, Mo., said students need to package themselves to be successful.

She said the site provides valuable tips for interviews, on-the-job matters and wardrobe management. Arnold said the idea for the site came after one of her interns asked her to come and speak to her sorority about professional etiquette. Based on the number of questions the young women asked, Arnold said she decided to develop the Image@Work site to help college students be successful.

"I wanted it to be engaging, educational and appealing all at the same time," she said.

Arnold also said she wished a resource like the site would have been available for her when she was in college.

K-State is one of the first universities to use the online resource. Other schools include the University of Missouri-Kansas City in Kansas City, Mo., and Mid-America Nazarene in Olathe, Kan.

K-State students are featured in the content of the site through examples and video content, and the club has developed a Facebook page that also features K-State students. Keller said CES is excited that a number of students were featured in the examples and videos.

"In this challenging job market, students need every chance they can get," Keller said. "We feel that this is every advantage that they can get to be successful in the interview process."

Students who want to use the site can setup a CES account by visiting www.k-state.edu/ces/index.htm and clicking on the "My CES Account" tab.

Once students have created an account, login information will be made available to access a bulk of the information on the Image@Work Club's site at www.imageatworkclub.com.

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VIDEO OF BALE'S ON-SET OUTBURST LEAKED TO PUBLIC

In a tirade that lasted just less than four minutes, Christian Bale, who was arrested last year for allegedly assaulting his mother and sister, furiously criticized Shane Hurlbut, the "Terminator Salvation" director of photography, for distracting him during a scene.

The subsequent rant contained 37 uses of the F-word, an average of one every six seconds. Bale repeatedly dubbed Hurlbut a "prick" and told executives he would quit the \$185 million film if his colleague was not fired.

Bale's alter-ego, Batman, is a man of quiet confidence, uttering nothing more provocative than the occasional "holy smoke" as he bangs adversaries to rights. But the actor himself has a more direct — and controversial — style of conflict resolution.

The British actor's short temper became the subject of international debate yesterday, after a tape surfaced of him throwing a profanity-ridden tantrum on the set of "Terminator Salvation."

The full video of the incident was posted online Monday after apparently being leaked to the show business Web site *TMZ.com*. Bale grew increasingly angry at Hurlbut's attempt to apologize for interrupting the scene.

Bale, who is playing the film's hero, John Connor, shrugged off attempts by his co-star, Bryce Dallas Howard, and the film's director, Joseph McGinty Nichol (known as McG), to calm him down during the rant, which was recorded on set at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

Bale's publicist declined invitations to comment yesterday. There are previous allegations the star is famously high strung. Last year, shortly before the London premiere of "The Dark Knight," he was arrested following a family dispute at the Dorchester Hotel, though assault charges were never brought against him because there was insufficient evidence.

According to U.S. media reports, the taped incident, which took place in July, was considered sufficiently serious for the film's producers to pass a recording of Bale's outburst to their insurer, amid concerns that a walkout by Bale would threaten the production.

It seems to have then found its way into the public domain after being leaked to TMZ by an employee of the insurance company.

Many Hollywood commentators said Bale's outburst was a proportional response to an unforgivable lapse by a technician.

"Hurlbut walked across Bale's sightline during a scene," wrote Geoff Boucher in the Los Angeles Times. "That's a huge no-no. I'm not sure anyone in Hollywood will be surprised by this eruption, except by its duration."

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ETTA JAMES: 'I CAN'T STAND BEYONCÉ'

If you were wondering why Beyoncé and not Etta James was asked to serenade the president and first lady with "At Last" during their first dance at an inauguration ball on Jan. 20, you're not alone.

Etta, 71, whom Beyoncé went blonde to portray in last year's "Cadillac Records," is wondering the same thing, and she candidly expressed her displeasure during a concert stop in Seattle last week.

"You guys know your president, right?" she asked the crowd amid cheers.

"You know the one with the big ears? Wait a minute, he ain't my president. He might be yours, he ain't my president. You know that woman he had singing for him, singing my song — she's gonna get her [expletive] whipped.

"The great Beyoncé ... But I can't stand Beyoncé. She has no business up there, singing up there on a big ol' president day ... singing my song that I've been singing forever."

Granted, Etta's version of "At Last" has long been a standard, but Beyoncé has performed it many times over the last several months, and the chanteuses happily posed together at the "Cadillac Records" premiere in November.

In a post-inauguration chat with the New York Daily News, Etta's son insisted she was delighted by Beyoncé's performance.

"She thought it was great," said Donto James, who explained that his mother wasn't feeling well enough to travel to Washington, D.C.

"She's gotten emotional, just like everybody else," he added. "... She was honored."

Beyoncé's rep has yet to comment on the kerfuffle.

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"The Uninvited"

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Movie review by Kelsey Hopson

Variety is the spice of life, right? So I bravely decided to conquer two movies in one day.

Neither one of the movies turned out how I expected. The first movie I saw was "The Uninvited," which was surprisingly good. The second was "Taken," which has an interesting modern plot unlike any other action movie I have seen.

"The Uninvited"

runs about 1 hour, 27 minutes and is rated PG-13. When I heard that it was a horror/semi-suspense movie, I was a little worried. Don't get me wrong; I love suspense thrillers that keep you guessing until the end, but I am not a fan of horror movies. I like a little blood and gore, but many horror flicks tend to go overboard. I also expected the movie to be completely formulaic, but it wasn't at all.

This movie is a remake of the highest-grossing Korean horror film to date — "Janghwa, Hongryeon," which translates to "Rose Flower, Red Lotus" or "A Tale of Two Sisters." I haven't

seen the original, but the remake has an interesting plot and surprising ending.

The basic plot sounds familiar. Anna, played by Emily Browning from "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," heads home after a year-long stint in a psych ward for trying to commit suicide after her mom died tragically in a fire.

When she returns home, she finds her father has been coping with his wife's death with his new girlfriend, Rachel, who was also her mother's nurse when she became sick before she eventually died.

Anna and her sister, Alex, played by Arielle Kebbel from "John Tucker Must Die," and are left

alone to battle their evil soon-to-be-stepmother.

Though "The Uninvited" follows the scary movie formula at the beginning, I think it was purposely written that way to surprise the audience with some original ideas. I also loved how the music was perfectly timed to build up to the sudden climax. I was blown away by how everything was tied together in the end. I never would have guessed the ending.

"Taken"

★★★★☆

Movie review by Kelsey Hopson

"Taken" is about the same length at 1 hour, 34 minutes. It is also rated PG-13. However, I would say the sexual content in "Taken" would be too much for anyone younger than 15. The material in this movie is not all based on imagination like "The Uninvited," which a mature 15-year-old should be able to handle — it shows the ugly side of life.

I expected "Taken" to be a regular guns-blazing action thriller with very little plot or substance behind it. Thankfully, there are plenty of car chases, action sequences and some pretty sweet moves from Liam Neeson, who plays Bryan Mills, a former government agent. Moreover, this action thriller actually includes some very interesting angles to tell the story of how Bryan tries to find his 17-year-old daughter, Kim, who was kidnapped during a trip to Paris.

I really do not want to give too much of the plot away because it is such a breath of fresh air to see an action movie where the hero actually has a reason to fight so ruthlessly. The movie is not just for show — there is a message behind it. But overall I think it was an entertaining movie, not to mention Liam Neeson is such a brilliant actor.

Both "The Uninvited" and "Taken" have a unique approach to telling their stories in some of the most underrated and underappreciated movie genres. I took a chance and found them both to be interesting and creative.

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Students choose grad school in time of economic crisis

By Molly Sanders
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As the economy continues to tumble, a shrinking job market has caused concern for many recent and soon-to-be college graduates. A lack of available jobs has subsequently turned graduate school into a more attractive option for many students.

According to Kaplan, a leader in continuing education and career advancement and a test preparatory agency, there has been a 45-percent increase in the number of students buying graduate school preparatory programs since Sept. 1, 2008.

While the effects of the economic crisis are evident at K-State, the upward climb of students opting for graduate study is not as visible. According to George Weston, graduate student in sociology, K-State saw small increases in graduate students from 2005 to 2007, but the number decreased in 2008. Weston said campus-wide budget cuts and tuition increases are most likely causes for the drop.

"The budget cuts mean fewer assistantships for grad

students," Weston said. "The number of international students has decreased, too. Most [international students] come here with research assistantships because it's so expensive [to study in the United States]. With the research assistantship, grad students pay only in-state tuition, whether they're international or out-of-state."

In addition to the increasing number of graduate students nation-wide, the number of business school applicants also continues to rise. However, business schools are seeing changes in students' emphases. According to Business Week, students are seeking to specialize in other areas of business, like consulting or risk management, and shying away from investment banking.

At K-State, the number of students in the College of Business Administration has remained steady, during the past three years. Still, current undergraduates are making plans to attend graduate school after receiving their bachelor's degrees.

Matt Horton, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said the effects of

the crisis are being seen on the college level.

"I know there are less internships, because I've been looking for an internship, and I know guys who have been laid off of the internships they've had in the past. I know a lot of guys who are staying in college longer, too, because there's nothing out there for them to do."

Horton, whose parents own a farm in Leota, Kan., said he can always go back to farming.

"I'd be about as well off as I would as an engineer," Jaqueline Welsby, freshman in apparel and textiles design, said that, as a department store worker, the only item women will never stop spending money on is cosmetics, which is not making fashion jobs and internships available.

"That doesn't mean I'm not hoping that more good internships are available by the time I'm at that point, though," Welsby said.

Until economic changes occur, students have more pressure than ever to build their résumés and continue thinking of ways to stay ahead.

'Intimate Apparel' to open at Nichols Theater



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The play "Intimate Apparel," will be performed Friday, Saturday, and Feb. 11-14 at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theater.

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Tonight marks the opening of "Intimate Apparel," a play produced jointly by K-State Theater and Ebony Theater. It will also be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Feb. 11-14 in Nichols Theater.

Written by playwright Lynn Nottage, "Intimate Apparel" is set in New York City in 1905 and focuses on a black seamstress named Esther. As an entrepreneur, she interacts with many different New Yorkers and is commissioned to sew intimate apparel for clients that run the gamut from high-class socialites to red-light district prostitutes, said Tyler Woods, director of the play.

"Esther is a woman before her time," Woods said. "She is in New York before the exodus of African-Americans to larger cities."

At the center of the play, Esther is a near-constant stage presence. Other characters appear only to interact with her, Woods said. Despite that, Esther has to contend with her loneliness.

"Essentially, there are a lot of different relationships throughout the show," said Woods, graduate student in theater.

Presenting "Intimate Apparel" in Nichols Theatre is an unusual move for Ebony Theatre productions, whose plays normally run at the much-smaller Purple Masque Theatre.

"As far as the facility goes, we're in a completely different ballpark," Woods said.

Tickets are \$8 for students, \$11 for military and \$13 for the general public. They can be purchased at the McCain Auditorium box office from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or at the K-State Student Union's Little Theatre box office from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Child prodigy to perform at McCain

By Elizaveta Zheganina
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Conrad Tao, a 13-year-old piano genius, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at McCain Auditorium.

Tao began playing the piano at 18 months and gave his first public performance at age 4. He is also an internationally acclaimed violinist and award-winning composer.

Tao was invited to perform at K-State by Todd Holmberg, director of McCain Auditorium. Holmberg has presented him before in Corpus Christi, Texas, and said he

was impressed with Tao's overall work.

"He thought it was very important for young people to see what a child prodigy is and what people can do with their careers at a young age," said Thomas Jackson, assistant director of McCain Auditorium.

Saturday night's program will feature a variety of music. Tao will play classical masterpieces by Chopin and Beethoven and also a composition of his own.

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